

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sajous Wesner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 3/29/07 and 4/25/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-8, 10-14, 16-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 3/29/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is responsive to the Request for a Continued Examination (RCE), Information Disclosure Statement, and response dated on 3/29/07 and 4/25/07, respectively. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, 16-17 are presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, 16-17 are allowed over the prior art.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fail to teach a method of decoding MPEG data comprising a plurality of macroblocks with header and block layer data by receiving a plurality of rows of the MPEG data, each row comprising the plurality of macroblocks comprising decoding the header of the macroblock using a first processing element, and decoding the block layer data using a second processing element that is different from the first processing element, wherein decoding the header of a first macroblock on a first one of the plurality of rows while concurrently decoding the block layer data of a second macroblock on a second one of the plurality of rows (as recited in claim 1); decoding the header of at least one other macroblock using a third processing element concurrently with decoding of the header of said at least one macroblock using the first processing element; and decoding the block layer data of said at least one other macroblock

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using a fourth processing element concurrently with decoding of the block layer data of said at least one macroblock using the second processing element (as recited in claims 7 and 14). The prior art fails also teach the above mention method including a variable length decoder for decoding the block layer data of said at least one macroblock, the variable length decoder being separate from the processor; and wherein the MPEG data is organized into a plurality of rows, each row comprising the plurality of macroblocks, and wherein the processor decodes the header of a first macroblock on a first one of the plurality of rows, while the variable length decoder concurrently decodes the block layer data of a second macroblock on a second one of the plurality of rows (as recited in claim 8). Accordingly, claims 1, 3-8, 10-14, 16-17 of the instant application are allowed over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

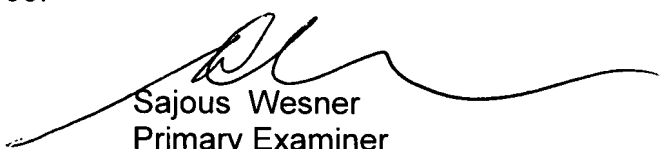
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sajous Wesner whose telephone number is 571-272-7791. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 11:00-7:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee M. Tung can be reached on 571-272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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